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STB Receives Disparity Study Summary

An overview of the findings from the 2012 Disparity study conducted by BBC Research and Consulting was given to the State Transportation Board Equal Access Committee during the April meeting.

The study analyzes the participation of Minority / Women-Owned firms, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the Georgia Department of Transportation's (DOT) construction and engineering contracts from 2009 through June 2011.

"The purpose of the study is to help GDOT implement the federal DBE program," said David Keen, lead consultant, BBC Research and Consulting. "The study team developed information based on federal regulations changes, USDOT guidance and relevant court decisions."

According to Keen, the study will assist Georgia DOT in at least four areas:

1. Establishing a new three-year goal for DBE participation in Federal Highway Authority funding contracts;
2. Projecting a portion of the overall DBE goal to be met through race and gender-neutral measures;
3. Choosing the specific measures it will apply when implementing the program; and
4. Considering whether all DBE groups would be eligible to participate in any race and gender conscious measures such as DBE contract goals.

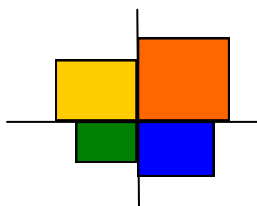
The draft [2012 Disparity study](#) is available on the Department's DBE webpage. The public will be able to make comments through the DBE webpage, by faxing in a comment card or at any of the three public information meetings. Public meetings are scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Thomaston and Savannah on May 22, 23, 24 respectively. A final report will be made available in June.

Several Board committees met in advance of the full Board Meeting. Meeting highlights are below:

Finance: Please click [here](#) to view a copy of the minutes for the Finance Committee meeting.

Property Utilization: Please click [here](#) to view a copy of the minutes for the Property Utilization Committee meeting.

Legislative: Please click [here](#) to view a copy of the minutes for the Legislative Committee meeting.



Did You Know?

STATE FUND COLLECTIONS

Estimated motor fuel collection, fiscal year to date, is \$750,819,186.17 and is 3.24 % over budget. This represents an increase of 9.46% over last year's collections of \$685,951,736.77 for the same time frame.

TOTAL GDOT EMPLOYMENT FIGURE

The total employment figure for the month of March is 4475 .

Next Board Meeting: Atlanta, Georgia – May 17th